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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendices C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.80). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

r figure or series revised since previous issue
p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1980-81—</i>																	
November	8,818	8,136	24,060	33.1	7,927	8,521	27,939	30,662	635	675	512	482	32.0	30.2	347	294	
December	6,649	8,077		31.0	7,999	8,524	25,248	29,259	653	632	448	473	28.4	31.3	314	300	
January	6,249	8,664		22.5	7,834	8,540	27,897	34,876	728	668	312	456	12.8	37.5	119	294	
February	8,751	8,437	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,477	27,424	33,618	634	675	447	450	32.2	31.9	296	316	
March	9,327	8,728		23.1	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	317	309	
April	8,022	8,628		32.5	7,999	8,566	32,045	34,290	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320	
May	9,494	8,780	21,934	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333	
June	8,995	8,280		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293	
<i>1981-82—</i>																	
July	9,089	8,917		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318	
August	8,754	9,001	n.y.a.	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318	
September	8,040	7,770		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273	
October	10,223	8,780		37.4	8,564	8,642	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	386	339	
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36.4	8,614	9,199	33,347	36,585	510	533	518	488	40.6	37.0	311	265	
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,018	8,568	32,295	37,433	564	555	499	522	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output.

(b) Metallic contents of mine products.

(c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas.

(d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m				Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m				Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a)		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total	% of total receipts received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1980-81—</i>																		
November	3,509	3,379	997	855	12,047	187	175	302.0	660	435	79,712	80.4	428,113	428,100				
December	2,966	3,527	775	782	9,721	182	195	304.4	608	421	58,280	76.9						
January	1,447	3,374	516	1,025	4,334	168	179	305.9	491	417	35,069	81.9						
February	3,703	3,835	957	841	11,463	171	174	309.1	377	417	35,358	78.1	28,673	28,721				
March	3,830	3,981	895	770	12,767	168	156	310.8	335	425	43,698	77.6						
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	205	221	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4						
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	202	198	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,603	29,623				
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1						
<i>1981-82—</i>																		
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,381	191	182	317.5	261	393	36,102	79.2						
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,277	168	173	319.8	413	420	67,982	82.3	30,462	30,412				
September	3,986	3,446	893	804	12,071	190	171	321.2	569	426	105,627	83.4						
October	4,857	3,997	883	766	11,170	205	182	p322.6	692	443	p106,676	82.2						
November	3,483	3,392	990	844	12,002	169	168	p324.2	670	434	86,129	77.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
December	3,079	3,620	744	736	n.y.a.	184	191	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.				
<i>1980-81—</i>								
November	1,593	1,325	2,553	2,268	185	-229	352	5,981
December	1,580	1,545			185	-322	208	5,430
January	1,672	1,406			186	-306	600	5,586
February	1,574	1,613	2,676	2,251	186	-450	403	5,172
March	1,479	1,595			185	-770	813	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	-483	1,037	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	-400	594	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-583	694	5,709
<i>1981-82—</i>								
July	1,494	1,922			186	-896	503	4,996
August	1,691	1,793	2,588	2,764	186	-603	335	4,696
September	1,506	1,846			186	-753	271	4,495
October	1,554	2,007			p185	r-954	r790	4,527
November	1,508	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p185	r-694	r524	4,156
December	1,426	1,621			n.y.a.	-545	727	n.y.a.

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of £1.15, applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Installments credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m		
	All items excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
<i>1980-81—</i>													
November	2,747	2,729	4,327	4,031	3,207	2,742	1,699	1,430	36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2	3,029
December	3,751	2,778							39.9	40.8	10.0	10.1	3,049
January	2,644	2,796							31.8	38.1	9.3	11.6	3,073
February	2,492	2,820	4,044	4,164	2,440	2,832	1,357	1,466	35.8	38.9	10.8	11.7	3,089
March	r2,705	2,856							38.7	37.7	12.4	12.3	3,105
April	r2,728	r2,824							37.2	36.8	11.7	11.9	3,118
May	(2,936	r2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	38.6	11.9	11.4	3,141
June	r2,753	r2,890							42.8	41.1	13.5	11.8	3,170
<i>1981-82—</i>													
July	2,904	2,947							45.1	39.8	14.1	11.9	3,212
August	2,871	3,010	4,272	4,366	2,892	2,997	1,472	1,545	39.7	38.5	12.0	12.4	3,234
September	2,954	3,059							37.9	37.4	12.5	12.6	3,266
October	3,080	3,034							35.4	35.2	11.5	11.4	3,312
November	3,077	3,049	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p37.4	p38.9	p11.3	p11.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: August \$159m; September \$168m; October \$170m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (a) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (b)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	Original	Seas. adj.			All groups	Food (c)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (d)	Recreation (e)
1980-81—													
November	289.70	278.10	661.9	1.55	310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267.8	317.1	317.2	358.9	140.6
December			1662.4			314.3							
January			1686.6			317.8							
February	270.60	283.90	686.9	1.44	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			1687.0			316.8							
April			687.1			317.7							
May	294.30	294.30	711.7	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			711.8			326.1							
1981-82—													
July													
August	p304.00	p301.10	712.2			327.2							
September			713.1	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3	150.7
October			715.5			337.3							
November			716.6			336.8							
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	722.8	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6	156.5
n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				340.4							

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. In the two years since its introduction, this series has not shown sufficient variation to warrant the continuation of the survey as a monthly collection; it will now be conducted quarterly, in August, November, February and May. For further details see August issue of *Overtime*, publications due to 1980. (c) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index*, publications due to rounding. (d) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (e) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units	Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m	Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)					
	Original	Seas. adj.				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	building(h)	building(c)	Original	
1980-81—													
November	770.8	764.3	13.1	12.9	107.2	12,500.0	12,666.9	128.3	140.7	339.6	111.4	924.5	805.4
December	763.7	793.1	12.5	12.8	112.3					340.6	111.8		
January	625.2	792.9	10.4	13.7	95.8					343.0	112.9		
February	714.1	806.7	11.6	13.0	94.9	2,606.5	2,632.2	134.9	135.3	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,012.7
March	875.6	831.5	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2		
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8		
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,286.8	p2,212.3	32.8	p31.7	355.1	116.7	1,086.4	1,043.7
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8		
1981-82—													
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0		
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	363.1	119.7	1,131.8	1,155.2
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	138.7					364.8	120.6		
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3		
November	785.1	737.3	12.5	12.0	60.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p370.4	p122.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p372.1	p122.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c)		Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth and State bond yield short dated (f) companies new money raised		Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds		
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		\$m		Banks \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	per cent	\$m	Original \$m	Seas. adj. \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
November	22,210	22,180	r24,556	24,618	18,356	18,175	20,951	317	248	126	12.42	1,339.5	3,050	3,020		
December	22,699	22,621	r25,128	24,563	r18,639	18,449	21,313	327	229	121	12.85		2,513	3,189		
January	22,705	r22,632	25,292	24,645	18,606	18,736	21,611	320	197	99	13.10		2,841	3,216		
February	22,959	22,837	25,564	24,686	18,595	18,965	21,836	359	181	119	13.12	796.5	3,056	3,056		
March	22,833	22,960	26,147	25,119	18,802	19,113	22,153	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539		
April	22,552	22,913	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,446	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377		
May	22,819	23,142	r25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,095	342	134	131	13.10	r1,019.1	4,664	3,308		
June	23,218	23,202	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,465	339	129	133	13.10		3,646	3,546		
1981-82—																
July	23,257	23,254	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	23,780	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	3,421		
August	23,342	23,271	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,194	320	150	104	14.65	1,235.2	3,459	3,473		
September	23,384	23,252	26,845	27,283	r20,504	20,482	24,531	357	156	112	14.60		2,624.5	4,194.0		
October	23,646	23,441	27,398	27,571	20,927	20,624	24,889	309	154	107	14.60		n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
November	23,777	23,713	27,644	27,682	20,887	20,688	n.y.a.	308	174	108	14.50		n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (Rs)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1979-80— June	28,502	29,967	997	1,856	27,505	28,111	18,113	18,213	5,113	4,944	4,628	4,394	2,618	2,219		
1980-81— September	30,756	31,003	1,537	1,868	29,219	29,135	18,659	18,804	5,055	5,135	5,041	5,103	2,150	2,357		
December	35,727	32,371	3,207	1,863	32,520	30,508	20,452	19,341	5,768	5,566	5,380	5,105	2,521	2,440		
March	31,116	32,959	1,328	1,558	29,788	31,401	19,001	19,902	5,308	5,609	4,913	5,450	2,174	2,482		
June	32,520	33,945	898	1,693	31,622	32,252	20,240	20,361	5,924	5,726	5,975	5,665	2,941	2,503		
1981-82— September	34,820	35,112	1,399	1,978	33,421	33,134	20,944	21,086	5,956	6,054	5,945	6,031	2,528	2,767		

Quarter	AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES												9	
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80— June	16,424	17,635	412	1,135	16,012	16,500	10,352	10,410	3,051	2,933	2,613	2,485	1,488	1,266
1980-81— September	17,560	17,746	739	1,046	16,821	16,700	10,450	10,531	2,919	2,975	2,769	2,799	1,178	1,289
December	20,155	17,944	1,952	993	18,203	16,951	11,277	10,651	3,161	3,056	2,899	2,751	1,355	1,312
March	16,938	17,967	835	952	16,103	17,015	10,212	10,711	2,948	3,120	2,587	2,872	1,137	1,293
June	17,085	18,140	490	1,039	16,595	17,101	10,696	10,761	3,128	3,006	3,072	2,914	1,507	1,287
1981-82— September	18,100	18,412	711	1,240	17,389	17,172	10,821	10,898	3,061	3,121	3,000	3,041	1,271	1,389

Quarter	AT CURRENT PRICES—continued												9			
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc.	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Companies	Other	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	(a)	
1979-80— June	5,409	5,497	5,581	5,528	3,557	3,719	5,233	6,493	16,009	16,183	333	8,378	6,274	18,446		
1980-81— September	6,047	6,022	5,363	5,533	3,602	3,586	6,390	6,506	16,962	16,975	843	7,605	3,539	21,872		
December	6,111	6,083	5,718	5,502	4,754	4,123	8,470	6,637	18,472	17,470	2,386	9,204	4,068	25,994		
March	6,179	6,129	5,404	5,497	3,611	4,087	6,000	6,548	17,320	18,241	572	7,541	5,047	20,386		
June	6,503	6,628	5,787	5,742	3,907	4,100	5,508	6,730	18,669	18,833	156	9,369	7,403	20,791		
1981-82— September	7,004	6,983	5,515	5,698	4,291	4,270	6,905	7,230	19,363	19,197	621	8,543	4,499	24,028		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

JOB
VACANCIES
('000)

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Original	Seas. adj.(b)	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1980-81—														
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	171.4	131.3	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3	
December	4,306.7	n.a.	2,514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.a.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0		
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4		
February	4,271.4	4,236.8	2,473.4	2,461.9	6,744.8	6,694.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.5	
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9		
April	4,252.2	n.a.	2,509.2	n.a.	6,765.4	n.a.	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0		
May	4,257.1	4,248.9	2,495.6	2,490.0	6,752.9	6,738.4	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7	
June	4,244.3	n.a.	2,484.9	n.a.	6,729.2	n.a.	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2		
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	n.a.	2,501.3	n.a.	6,763.8	n.a.	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8		
August	4,245.0	4,265.8	2,488.4	2,503.7	6,733.4	6,768.5	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7	
September	4,297.5	n.a.	2,559.7	n.a.	6,857.2	n.a.	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1		
October	4,249.4	n.a.	2,522.4	n.a.	6,776.9	n.a.	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4		
November	4,243.5	4,271.9	2,527.9	2,524.5	6,771.4	6,793.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	n.y.a.	
December	4,334.4	n.a.	2,571.6	n.a.	6,905.9	n.a.	p205.1	p151.0	p74.9	p231.6	p199.4	p431.0		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA (a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(b)	Government Total		
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total							
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons				
1980—																
September	276.1	122.4	582.7	414.5	7.5	6.6	103.0	26.5	969.3	570.0	1,539.3	72.0	1,611.3			
October	276.4	122.8	581.8	415.8	7.5	6.6	102.9	26.8	968.6	572.1	1,540.6	72.1	1,612.7			
November	276.4	123.3	581.5	415.9	7.6	6.6	102.9	27.3	968.3	573.1	1,541.4	72.1	1,613.5			
December	277.9	124.5	580.7	412.5	7.5	6.6	103.4	27.5	969.5	571.1	1,540.6	71.7	1,612.3			
1981—																
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	401.0	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	558.5	1,528.1	72.3	1,600.4			
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	414.5	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	573.6	1,544.3	72.4	1,616.7			
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6			
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6			
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9			
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0			
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9			
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1			
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7			
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0			

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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